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SUBJ: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ ON AUTO
STANDARDS

REFS: A) STATE 80308, B) STATE 76587

1. SUMMARY: MOFA'S INITIAL REACTION TO PROPOSAL FOR SECOND ROUND
OF AUTO TALKS BEST DESCRIBED AS CAUTIOUS. MOT OFFICIALS LIKELY TO
ACCEPT OFFER TO VISIT LABS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 12, EMBOFF MET WITH MOFA 2ND NA DIV DEP DIRECTOR OKUBO
TO REQUEST SECOND ROUND OF TECHNICAL TALKS AND ALSO TO CONVERY IN-
VITATION FOR MOT OFFICIAL S TO VISIT USG AND INDUSTRY AUTO SAFETY
AND EMISSION LABS.

3. MOFA OFFICIAL'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
TO HOLD TALKS, PARTICULARLY INCLUDING POLICY LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES,
UNTIL AFTER THE DIET ADJOURNS AND THAT A DATE AFTER JUNE 1 WOULD
BE MORE SUITABLE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATION ABOUT GOJ DEL-
EGATION TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS, SAYING IT MIGHT BE BET-
TER TO HAVE THEM HERE. OUR PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE U.S. INDUSTRY REPS
IN THE DISCUSSIONS AS ADVISORS OR EVEN AS OBSERVERS ALSO CAUSED
HIM CONCERN. ON THIS POINT, DESPITE PRECEDENT OF LAST YEAR, HE
REMARKED THAT SHOULD U.S. INDUSTRY REPS BE PRESENT, JAPANESE INDU-
STRY REPS SHOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

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4. OKUBO THEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT A PROPOSAL ON
THE DOM ISSUE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM OUR SIDE. EMBOFF EXPLAINED
THAT WE WERE ENCOUNTERING SOME DIFFICULTY IN FORMULATING A PROPOSAL,
THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH TALKS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON
OTHER ISSUES AND THAT THE DOM WAS ONE OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE
AGENDA.

5. OKUBO SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS OUR PROPOSAL FOR RENEWED TALKS WITH CONCERNED OFFICIALS OF MITI AND MOT AND NOTIFY EMBASSY OF GOJ'S DECISION SHORTLY.

6. RE INVITATION TO MOT OFFICIALS TO VISIT U.S. LABS, OKUBO SAID HE WOULD PASS IT ALONG TO THE MOT AND THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THEY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE MOT SCHEDULE, OKUBO THOUGHT TRIP COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE JUNE 1 AND POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS LATE APRIL. EMBOFF STATED WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS WE ARE NOTIFIED OF DATES MOT OFFICIALS WISH TO TRAVEL.

7. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOJ WILL ACCEPT OUR REQUEST FOR TALKS SO LONG AS THEY ARE HELD AFTER JUNE 1. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED, HOWEVER, AS IS CUSTOM IN OTHER TALKS, TO RESTRICT PARTICIPATION ONLY TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IF THIS IS GOJ REQUEST.
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